

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee Minutes from 17 October, 2012, 9am Caucus Hall, Provincetown Town Hall

Attending: Amy Germain, Laura Ludwig and Lydia Hamnquist

Meeting brought to order at 9:00. Sharon Lynn, Provincetown Town Manager, and David Quinn, Barnstable County Waste Reduction Coordinator, joined us to speak about pay-per-throw trash disposal program and if it works for Provincetown. Sharon explained that the transfer station is in flux and spoke about privatizing trash pick-up.

Laura and Lydia spoke about their meeting with Rich Waldo, Deputy Director of Public Works. David Gardner, Assistant Town Manager, joined us at 9:30 and said that the RREC committee has not had a chance to discuss pay-per-throw. Rich Waldo, joined us at 10:00 and Sharon told him we need financial figures from him in order to make decisions about a trash disposal solution. Rich told us that the recycling program makes no profit because we need more fiber like magazines and newspapers.

Sharon spoke about a round table discussion hosted by WasteZero that was taking place in Orleans at noon and that Rich should come along to hear about the program. Laura said she would also be able to go to Orleans with them. Rich wants to use a packer truck for recycling and he is experimenting with other disposal companies to see if profits can increase. Rich is not convinced pay-per-throw is for Provincetown because of our huge percentage of tourists. He also said that no one is yet going through the trash to see if recyclables are in it. David Gardner wants to know how much paper is in the stream. Provincetown's contract with the recycling company, Casella, is up for renewal in 2014. Sharon wants to get in touch with Nantucket to see how their recycling program is working. David Quinn explained that his job is to compile numbers and share other town's information. Sharon and Rich left at 11:00.

Laura motioned to approve minutes from last meeting, Amy seconded and vote was unanimous.

Amy said that Candace Nagle wants to get a recommendation from us about the proposed bike path.

We decided that we desperately need to get more members and will think about solutions.

Next meeting November 7 at 9am.

Motion to adjourn made by Amy, seconded by Laura and vote was unanimous.
Meeting was adjourned at 11am.